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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8934

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO RECLASSIFY LOCAL POSITION

REF: A) STATE 076927 B) GUATEMALA 5723 C) STATE 259136

1. POST APPRECIATES THAT BUREAU HAS MANY OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR POSITIONS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER, THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY PUT THE DEPARTMENT ON NOTICE THAT WE MAY NEED AN ADDITIONAL POSITION TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED FRAUDS IN THE VISA SECTION. IN DEPTH INVESTIGATIONS OF VISA FRAUD AND ALLEGED MALFEASANCE IN GSO SECTION PLUS CONTINUING HEAVY ROUTINE WORK LOAD MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT POSITION BE RECLASSIFIED AS WE HAVE PROPOSED. THIS ACTION CONSISTENT WITH INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO BUREAU'S ATTENTION THAT POSITION L-35 WAS TEMPORARILY VACANT DURING THE INSPECTION DUE TO RESIGNATION MARCH 31, 1975, ON SHORT NOTICE, OF INCUMBENT AND HIRING FREEZE IMPOSED BY STATE 076927 OF APRIL 7. IN THE INTERIM, AN EVALUATION OF THE POST'S REQUIREMENTS INDICATED A PRESSING NEED IN THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE.

3. REAL NEED IN REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE EXISTS. ONLY FSL EMPLOYEE IN THE UNIT IS KEY CONTACT WITH POLICE, TRAFFIC, IMMIGRATION AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. HIS LIAISON DUTIES CONSUME SIZEABLE PORTION OF HIS TIME, LEAVING LITTLE FLEXIBILITY FOR PERSONAL SECURITY BRIEFINGS AND

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INVESTIGATIONS OF EMPLOYEES. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, ANY

UNANTICIPATED EMERGENCY SUCH AS JAILING OF MISSION EMPLOYEES OR IMPOUNDING OF CARS IS LIKELY TO TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME, FALL DIRECTLY ON HIS SHOULDERS AND DELAY INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. THE POST THINKS IT IS UNWISE FOR SUCH A SENSITIVE, MULTI-FACETED FUNCTION AS SECURITY TO BE SO DEPENDENT ON THE SKILLS OF ONE FSLE.

4. DISCUSSIONS WITH INSPECTORS INDICATED THAT THEY RECOGNIZED THAT SPECIAL, IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION OF VISA SECTION APPLICANTS WAS NECESSARY AND, WITH LIMITED PERSONNEL ON HAND, THIS COULD AGAIN DELAY ROUTINE SECURITY WORK. INSPECTORS CONCLUDED THAT, IF WORKLOAD CONTINUES AT HIGH LEVEL, AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL POSITION FOR THE SECURITY OFFICE SHOULD BE REQUESTED. HEAVY WORKLOAD HAS CONTINUED AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. THEREFORE, POST WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD RECLASSIFY POSITION SOONEST.
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